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This letter is in response to Applicants' Remarks filed on 11 August 2011 ("2011 Aug Remarks").

In the 2011 Aug Remarks, Applicants requested that the Examiner acknowledge the Applicants' claim of priority. In response, the Examiner notes that the claim of priority has already been acknowledged via the communication mailed on 11 August 2011, in which the Examiner entered Applicants' amendment to the Specification under Rule 312. To be especially clear, the Examiner acknowledged the claim of priority in the communication mailed on 11 August 2011 by entering the amendment to Specification.

No further action is believed to be necessary by Applicant in order to receive the claim of priority. The Examiner discussed the above issue with Applicants' representative, Andrew Dunlap, on 17 August 2011.

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